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R 072128Z AUG 73
FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8374
INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON
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E.O. 11652NA
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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: STATUS REPORT OSTENDE STRANDEES

REF.: BRUSSELS 4537

1. ARRIVAL OSTENDE STRANDEES IN BRUSSELS HAS AS YET CAUSED NO SPECIAL PROBLEM. WITHIN ONE HOUR COB ONLY FOUR HAVE PRESENTED THEMSELVES AT EMBASSY OF WHICH ONLY ONE NEEDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, SEVERAL HAVE TELEPHONED FOR INFORMATION, AND (AS REPORTED REFTEL) SEVERAL HAVE CALLED AT LOCAL OFFICE INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS AND RECEIVED REFUNDS. BELGIAN CIVAIR REPORTS OSTENDE AIRPORT COMPLETELY CLEAR ALL STRANDEES AND WE CAN ONLY ASSUME LARGE NUMBER (40-50) SETTLED INTO OSTENDE HOTELS LATE LAST NIGHT EITHER (A) FOUND THEY DID HAVE PERSONAL RESOURCES (B) HEADED FOR PLACES THEY PURCHASED TICKETS IN SEARCH OF REFUNDS OR (C) REMAINED ON BELGIAN COAST TO ENJOY TODAY'S SUNNY WEATHER AND MAY YET PRESENT THEMSELVES.

2. BRUSSELS PAA MANAGER HAS REQUEST FROM PAA NEW YORK
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AS TO NUMBERS OF STRANDEES WHO MIGHT NEED SPECIAL SERVICE AND

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AVAILABILITY SPACE ON PAA FLIGHTS. WE PROMISED PROVIDE HIM
WITH SITUATION REPORT TOMORROW, AUGUST 8. IF EMBASSIES
LONDON AND PARIS AND CONGEN AMSTERDAM HAVE RECEIVED REQUESTS
FOR ASSISTANCE FROM OSTENDE STRANDEES, WE SUGGEST THEY NOTIFY
US SO WE CAN COORDINATE FIGURES FOR PAA.BOOCHEVER

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